AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for use with a system storing a myriad of digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

~~generating myriad~~ generating a myriad of first thumbnail images, each first thumbnail image corresponding to one of the digital media files, each first thumbnail image having lower resolution and smaller dimensions than the corresponding digital media file, each first thumbnail image having first dimensions;

displaying a subset of the first thumbnail images, the subset comprising more than one and less than all of the myriad of first thumbnail images, the subset created as a result of input from a first user;

receiving a configuration command from a second user, the configuration command indicative of second dimensions differing from the first dimensions; generating a myriad of second thumbnail images, each second thumbnail image corresponding to one of the digital media, each second thumbnail image having lower resolution and smaller dimensions than the corresponding digital media file, each second thumbnail image having second dimensions; and

displaying a subset of the second thumbnail images, the subset comprising more than one and less than all of the myriad of second thumbnail images, the subset created as a result of input from a third user.

2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the first and third users are the same user.

3.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the first and third users are different users.

4.   (Currently Amended) A method for use with a system storing a myriad of digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

~~generating myriad~~ generating a myriad of first thumbnail images, each first thumbnail image corresponding to one of the digital media files, each first thumbnail image having

lower resolution and smaller dimensions than the corresponding digital media file, each first

thumbnail image having a first resolution;

displaying a subset of the first thumbnail images, the subset comprising more than

one and less than all of the myriad of first thumbnail images, the subset created as a result of input

from a first user;

receiving a configuration command from a second user, the configuration command

indicative of second resolution differing from the first resolution;

generating a myriad of second thumbnail images, each second thumbnail image

corresponding to one of the digital media files, each second thumbnail image having lower

resolution and smaller dimensions than the corresponding digital media file, each second thumbnail

image having second resolution; and

displaying a subset of the second thumbnail images, the subset comprising more than

one and less than all of the myriad of second thumbnail images, the subset created as a result of

input from a third user.

5.   (Original)   The method of claim 4 wherein the first and third users are the same

user.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 4 wherein the first and third users are different

users.

7.   (Previously presented) A method for use with a system for managing digital media

files, the method comprising the steps of:

using face recognition to recognize faces portrayed in the digital media files, yielding

metadata with respect to the digital media files indicative of the recognized faces;

analyzing the metadata indicative of the recognized faces to detect duplicate files

among the digital media files;

displaying the duplicate files for a user; and

enabling at least one of the displayed duplicate files in the digital media files to be

purged.

8.   (Previously presented) A method for use with a system for managing digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

using image recognition to recognize images portrayed in the digital media files, yielding metadata with respect to the digital media files indicative of the recognized images;

analyzing the metadata indicative of the recognized images to detect duplicate files among the digital media files;

displaying the duplicate files for a user; and

enabling the user to purge at least one of the duplicate files in the digital media files.

9.   (Original) A method for use with a system for managing digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

using scene detection to detect scenes portrayed in the digital media files, yielding metadata with respect to the digital media files indicative of the detected scenes;

analyzing the metadata indicative of the detecting scenes to detect duplicate files among the digital media files; and

displaying the duplicate files for a user.

10.   (New) A method for use with a system storing a digital media file, the method comprising the steps of :

generating a thumbnail image corresponding to the digital media file based on a first configuration from a first user, the first configuration indicative of a first size of the thumbnail image, wherein the first size is at least one of resolution or dimension;

based on a query from a second user, performing an information retrieval search to locate and retrieve the thumbnail image;

receiving a second configuration from the second user, the second configuration indicative of a second size differing from the first size;

changing the thumbnail image to the second size.

11.   (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

displaying the thumbnail image as part of a search result, wherein the query is for information associated with the digital media file.

12.   (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

clustering the thumbnail image with at least another thumbnail image based at least on a similarity between metadata associated with the thumbnail image and the at least another thumbnail image.

13.   (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

identifying the thumbnail image and at least another thumbnail image as duplicates to be purged based at least on face recognition, image recognition, or scene detection.

14.   (New) The method of Claim 10, further comprising displaying the changed thumbnail image, in response to changing the thumbnail image.